

FOUR DEAD IN DRIFTS OF SNOW

Zero Weather Causes Great Suffering and the List of Its Victims Is Likely to Be Largely Increased.

POOR ARE FORCED TO PAY HIGHER PRICES FOR COAL.

Traffic on All Railroads Is Delayed—Five Thousand Shovelers and 2,000 Wagons Engaged in Removal of Snow.

TO-DAY'S TEMPERATURE.

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| 12.00 Midnight | 7 |
| 1.00 A. M. | 7 |
| 2.00 A. M. | 7 |
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| 12.00 Noon | 3 |
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LIST OF THE DEAD.

BILLING, IGNATZ, of No. 563 West One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, found alongside the New York Central tracks at One Hundred and Forty-ninth street.

JOHNSON, PETER, was frozen on the links of the Richmond County Golf Club.

SPRING, FREDERICK, of Clifton, S. I., was frozen in a drift at Rosebank.

OTHER VICTIMS OF COLD.

MYKELWAIN, JOHN, of No. 244 York street, Brooklyn, found unconscious in a bank of snow at Second and Navy streets near the Brooklyn Hospital.

REDDY, MICHAEL, collapsed in a drift at Twenty-sixth street and Second avenue, sent to Bellevue.

PIKE, WILLIAM, frozen to death near a barn at the rear of No. 783 Richmond Terrace, Mariners' Harbor, S. I.

ACCIDENTS DUE TO SNOW.

BOSWORTH, H. S., of No. 350 East Thirtieth street, Paterson, slipped and fell on the ice covering of the street, dislocating his right ankle. He was taken to the Hudson Street Hospital.

DONNELLY, FRANCIS L., of No. 800 North Avenue, fell in front of No. 1212 Third avenue, spraining his right ankle. He was taken to the Hudson Street Hospital.

STONE, HERMAN, of No. 161 East Fifty-ninth street, fell in front of No. 1018 Park avenue. His right leg was fractured. He was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital.

Four persons frozen to death, several others in hospitals suffering on account of exposure to the cold, great distress all over the city, especially among the poor, for whom the price of coal has already been raised, are some of the results of the intense cold weather which has locked New York in its grip. It is believed that the list of the victims will be largely increased.

The low temperature is a serious drawback to the removal of the white blanket which covered the streets when the snowfall ceased Saturday night. All of yesterday 3,000 shovelers and 2,000 wagons were at work, and the same is engaged to-day in the effort to clear the main thoroughfares and make fairly easy for traffic.

It is practically impossible for railroads to operate on the West and Down East lines on an average of three hours a day. In New Jersey the situation is no better. All milk trains were from three to five hours late. It is generally believed that a restoration of normal conditions cannot be effected within forty-eight hours.

The Weather Bureau predicted that to-day will be generally fair in the city and vicinity, with fresh west to southwesterly winds and a temperature continuing low, but slightly higher than during the past twenty-four hours.

Reports from the West and New England give pictures of even more conditions than in this neighborhood. In Saratoga it is eight below zero, and the season is called the hardest winter in twenty-five years.

Westchester County and Long Island have been hit harder than other localities in the immediate neighborhood. Many towns and villages on the other side of the Harlem River are snow-bound. A New Haven local train which left here at 11 P. M. Saturday night did not get to Mount Vernon until 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The steam gave out and passengers might as well have been in refrigerators.

Harlem River Frozen Over.

For the first time in eight years the Harlem River was frozen across to-day from Mottville Dam Bridge to Spuyten Duyvil Creek. The ice is from four to six inches thick and forms a complete bridge across the channel. But to-night it is expected the ice will be thick enough to walk on for a distance of several miles.

COAL FOR THE POOR RAISED TO \$30 A TON.

The suffering of the poor on the east side from the excessive cold was greatly increased to-day when all the small coal dealers in the district raised the price of fuel from seven cents to nine cents a ton. This brings the cost of coal to the poor to between \$25 and \$30 a ton.

An Evening World reporter who made a tour through the poor tenement districts of the east side to-day found many cases where this rise in coal, small as it may seem, was causing intense suffering.

While passing through Forsyth street

MR. AND MRS. BATEMAN AND THE FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOY, LAWRENCE, THEY ARE ACCUSED OF ABUSING.



John J. Bateman

he came upon a woman clad in flimsy garments and carrying a small child. She was almost blue from the cold and barely able to talk. She said she was Mrs. Michael Bateman and lived at No. 12 Forsyth street.

"I have walked almost a mile," said the woman, "and I am trying to find a place to get a bucket of coal for seven cents. Even that is a great deal for me when you consider how little heat we can get from the few pieces of coal this little fellow will hold."

"The first dealer I want to tell me I would have to pay nine cents instead of seven. I have gone to him for a long time. I told him I could not afford to pay nine cents and went to another dealer. He asked the same price. Then I kept on going from one to another and they all asked the same. At last, after I had walked almost a mile, I found one who said he would sell me a bucket of coal for eight cents. I gave him eight cents and what do you think he did? He took the coal and gave me a bucket of coal for seven cents. What could I do? He said if I didn't like it I could go somewhere else and buy nine cents. The woman then showed about six pounds of coal in her bucket, that she had just bought for eight cents. She said she got to last me the whole day," she said, as she shiveringly went her way.

All throughout the East Side the same story was told. On every street women were hurrying about with buckets. Many of them were clad only in summer clothing and bare headed.

"It may not sound much," said Mrs. Joseph Bateman, of No. 104 Stanton street, "to have to pay two cents more a bucket for coal, but it means a awful lot to us, when our children are shivering at home and but a few pennies in the house to buy bread."

NEARLY FROZE TO DEATH IN A CAR

Overcome by the Intense Cold, Passenger on Flatbush Avenue Line Was Taken Unconscious Into Drug Store.

While riding in a Flatbush avenue electric car, Brooklyn, a man was overcome by the intense cold to-day. He was carried into a drug store and thawed out.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company does not heat its cars. On the coldest morning of the year—if not the coldest in several years—the wind whistled through the rickety old cars, making it warmer outside, where a man could at least walk to keep his blood in circulation.

On this particular Flatbush avenue car to-day, a passenger, a young man, stamped his feet continually, and many of them slapped their hands together and wrapped their arms about them like a cabman does on his seat.

The exception was an elderly man, whose face was blue with the intense cold. He was observed by the other passengers to be shivering and numbing to himself. His breath had caused an icicle to form on the end of his nose.

"I am chilled to the bone for the want of heat in this car," the man said. Such remarks as this do not generally cause any excitement in a Brooklyn car. But this man's voice indicated that he was not exaggerating.

While the passengers were watching him and wondering what could be done for him he doubled over limp and there he lay for several minutes. A conductor who was standing near him was not going to stop the car, saying he would be docked if his car was not at the depot in time. A passenger rang the bell and informed the conductor that there would be trouble unless the man was taken care of. The conductor permitted him and another man to remove the unconscious and freezing man.

The man was carried into Stone's drug store, Pacific street and Flatbush avenue, where he was found that he was as cold as a chunk of ice and was rapidly becoming stiff. The drug clerk telephoned the Medical Society. A surgeon came from the Brooklyn Hospital.

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CHILD HUNG UP BY THE THUMBS

S. P. C. C. Physician Swears He Found 67 Abrasions on the Body of Little Lawrence Bateman, Five Years Old.

"No, I don't want to see my stepmother."

A plaintive, pathetic, trembling little child of five years, looking with bewildered eyes at the crowd in Yorkville Court to-day, clung close to Agent Fogarty, of the Children's Society, when the case of John J. and Nellie Bateman, arraigned before Magistrate Barlow for mistreating Lawrence Bateman, five years old, was called.

Covering the child's pale face were horrible scars and on his head, from which long patches of hair were missing, looking as though they had been torn from the scalp, were cuts and gashes. The little hands were cruelly scarred and the child's body was a mass of bruises.

When the man and woman accused of mistreating the little boy faced the Court the child shuddered. Nellie Bateman, a young woman of about twenty-eight, holding an eighteen months' old baby in her arms, stood beside her husband, John, a huge, muscular fellow of six feet.

A hush of horror fell over the entire Court-room as Agent Fogarty held up the helpless little child for the Judge to view and exposed the cruel wounds on the child's face and head.

Stepmother's Denials.

"I never made those wounds," screamed the woman before any action had been taken. "Let them examine the child's body. I never hurt him."

Screaming and moaning in a highly excited manner, the stepmother of the abused child was taken to a seat in the Court-room, while the husband took their baby from her arms.

During the dramatic performance little Lawrence looked at her with dull, apathetic eyes, still clinging to the side of Agent Fogarty.

When the child was brought into the Society's room at Court by Agent Kelly he started and shivered whenever a strange word was heard.

Not one word of complaint came from the little fellow, however, until he was questioned. "Why, Lawrence, how did those scars come on your face and head?" asked a World reporter.

"Mamma," said the child, "she said she hit me with a strap because she said I was naughty."

"No, I couldn't help that," said the little fellow, as he sobbed. "I just cried a little."

"Drawing off the child's mittens, which the Children's Society had provided, the reporter found the little hands lacerated and bruised."

Hung Up by Thumbs.

"Yes, my thumbs are sore," said he, a pained look coming into his big blue eyes. "Pappa used to tie them with twine and hang me up so my toes would not touch the floor. Then he would go away and leave me."

"Yes, my mamma hit me on the foot with a hot poker. It hurt me, but I didn't dare cry."

When told he must go out in the Court-room where his stepmother said she would look at him as though he expected no mercy. The boy is attractive looking, but his big blue eyes were full of tears.

A weak little while spread over his face when he was asked about the warm clothes the Children's Society had given him.

"Please, I don't want to go back to my mamma and papa," he said when he was led into the Court-room by the lawyer Goldsmith, who appeared for the Batemans, objected to his clients being held on the evidence of a child.

As Judge Barlow allowed the objection Agent Fogarty prepared an affidavit which charged the Batemans with a more serious crime than cruelty.

Under Law 289 of the Penal Code, which makes it a crime to neglect or abuse a child on the charge of endangering his life and health of Lawrence Bateman.

Woman Screamed in Court.

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MAD PRIEST DROVE THE BOARDERS OUT

Minister of the Greek Church Causes Wild Early Morning Excitement in a House in West Eighteenth Street.

Michael Dirm, forty-five years old, a priest of the Greek Church without a charge, became violently insane before daylight to-day in his room in the boarding-house at No. 321 West Eighteenth street, and before he was subdued he had driven most of the women from the house in their nightgowns.

The first warning of the priest's mental failure was a series of rappings on the wall of his room. Suddenly the door into the hall swung open and the maniac vented a shriek which was calculated to stop a Brooklyn trolley car.

This was followed by other shrieks and yells, and then came the screams of the frightened women boarders. The priest went from door to door, kicking each one in. Men and women, at their night robes, ran from him. Some in their fright went to the street, but most of them found security in the vicinity of the furnace in the cellar.

Four of the men in the house finally got the priest down on the floor and sat on him, but he was getting away from them when two policemen, called by the women, arrived and added their weight to that of the four.

Dr. Reid, from the New York Hospital, came with an ambulance, and after the greatest difficulty the priest was placed in a strait-jacket and taken to Bellevue Hospital.

The actions of the priest for some time had been considered as peculiar. He constantly prayed, was gloomy and seemed to be in financial difficulties. He had been in New York City for a short while and at the boarding-house it was not known if he had relatives here.

STRIKE PARALYZES SHIPPING.

BARCELONA, Jan. 4.—A general strike of all persons employed by the shipping interests has been declared as a result of which trade and commerce are paralyzed.

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